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**From:** Carol Campbell  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Awards celebration postponed

Bummer. Hope you are doing ok. Call me when you can

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**From:** [REDACTED] **Personal Email/Ex. 6**  
**Date:** August 13, 2015 at 7:52:51 AM MDT  
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**Subject:** Awards celebration postponed

The Region 8 awards celebration (scheduled for August 20) has been postponed. Deb Thomas, the Region 8 DRA, sent out the following note to employees:

In light of keeping our full attention on our response to the release of contaminated water from the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado, I have decided to postpone the Regional Awards Ceremony which was scheduled for August 20th. I know that many people have spent considerable time and effort planning this event and I am really appreciative of these efforts. Because many folks in the region are involved in the Gold King Mine emergency response and the region in general is focused on this situation, we will reschedule the awards ceremony for a later date this Fall. At that time we all will be able to give our full attention to recognizing the outstanding work that our colleagues have accomplished over the past year. I appreciate your understanding.